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PLEASE PASS TO SECY MORTON

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TAGS: OVIP (MORTON, ROGERS B)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESS INTERVIEWS WITH SECY MORTON

1. USIS HAS RECEIVED FURTHER REQUESTS FROM JAPANESE AND FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA IN TOKYO TO MEET WITH SECY MORTON AFTER HE RETURNS TO JAPAN FROM PEKING.

2. THREE HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPERS WITH NATIONWIDE CIRCULATION -- YOMIURI, NIHON KEIZAI AND ASAHI -- REQUEST INTERVIEWS WITH MAIN FOCUS ON ENERGY PROBLEMS. QUESTIONS TO BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE. NEWSPAPERS PREFER THREE SEPARATE INTERVIEWS WITHOUT INTERPRETATION SOMETIME MONDAY MORNING MAY 19 BUT IF UNABLE TO GRANT ALL THREE WE RECOMMEND GIVING AT LEAST BRIEF INTERVIEWS TO YOMIURI AND NIHON KEIZAI TO MEET LONG-STANDING REQUESTS.

3. ALSO TRANSMITTING UPI REQUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION SECRETARY ABOUT HIS PEKING VISIT AFTER HE RETURNS TO TOKYO.

4. SECRETARY SHOULD BE AWARE OF CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION IN JAPAN THAT HIS TRIP TO PEKING WAS MADE NOT JUST FOR ECONOMIC PURPOSES BUT POSSIBLY TO MAKE PEREPARATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

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